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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith are the following documents:

- ☒ Amendment in Response to Office Action
- ☒ Petition for a Three Month Extension of Time
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**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION**  
**DATED OCTOBER 12, 1999**

In response to the Office Action dated October 12, 1999, please amend the claims as follows:

In the Claims:

Claim 48 (amended) A method for increasing the therapeutic index of anticancer compounds in a subject, comprising

*C 12-02* conjugating a fatty acid to an anticancer compound to form a fatty acid-anticancer compound conjugate; and

*ai* combining the fatty acid-anticancer compound with a polyoxyethylated castor oil to form an injectable composition; and administering the injectable composition [fatty acid-anticancer compound conjugate] to the subject, whereby the therapeutic index of the anticancer compound is improved relative to non-conjugated formulations of the anticancer compound combined with polyoxyethylated castor oil.